







## GIVEN TO TAYLOR

Majority of the Kentucky State Election Board Decided in Favor of Him.

MAY CONTEST IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Politicians of Both Parties Departed From Frankfort in Great Numbers Friday and Friday Night.

The Bidders on the Election Are All As Near as to the Final Outcome—Judge Pryor Will Not Re-sign.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 9.—All pretense of a fight for the next election as governor has been given up by the Goebel people, whether or not a contest will be made in the legislature is yet to be determined. It will depend very largely upon the wording of the opinion which Commissioners Ellis and Pryor will hand down at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. If it implies that the commissioners believe fraud was committed which might invalidate the election did they as canvassing board have the legal right to go behind the certified returns, it is almost certain a contest will be made. Otherwise it is uncertain.

The democratic candidates for the minor offices on the state ticket, acting on the belief that the commissioners' opinion will contain implications of fraud, have already decided to fight before the state contesting board for the positions to which they believe themselves entitled. They held several conferences during the day, but it was not definitely determined until 3 o'clock in the afternoon to make the contest. Commissioners Ellis and Pryor are now busy writing their opinion, and it was dark before Mr. Ellis, who did most of the writing, had finished his task.

The politicians of both parties departed from Frankfort in great numbers during the day and the town Friday night was practically deserted. All the democratic and republican attorneys have left for home, the former going Friday morning and the latter Friday afternoon. Col. Dick Chinn, who has been attacked by the Goebel headquarters, left late Friday afternoon, remarking, with a laugh as he passed through the hotel door, "I guess it is all up with us for this time." There is no indication of any trouble. There has been a great amount of money bet on the election throughout Kentucky as to who would be the next governor of the state, and the bidders are trying to decide whether if Taylor is declared governor, and later overtaken by the legislature as not being a legal incumbent, he was in fact actually governor or at all in the eyes of the law. The Taylor bidders contend it is one way, and naturally the Goebel men figure it out differently. There has been so much money wagered on the outcome that the thing has a serious side to it.

The story that Judge Pryor will resign at the conclusion of the board's session Saturday is untrue. Both he and Commissioner Ellis have lost all love for the position of election commissioners, and both will retire after a time, but neither will offer his resignation until all contests arising from the late election have been disposed of.

The opinion of the state board of election commissioners was given out late Friday night. It is in part as follows:

Occupying a place we did not seek, we would gladly escape the discharge of the delicate and responsible duties which at the present moment confront us.

But having voluntarily assumed the responsibility of no important a trust our duty is plain. We are not at liberty to depart from elementary principles, or to allow partisan zeal to force us to any conclusion which is not approved by our judgment and sanctioned by the law.

In reaching a conclusion in this case we are compelled to construe for the first time the status under which we act. It has not received judicial construction or interpretation at the hands of any court. This of itself adds to our embarrassment, and it is possible, to the magnitude of the disagreeable task before us. The capital question on the threshold is, what are the powers and jurisdiction of the state board of election commissioners sitting as a canvassing board, which is the capacity in which it now acts. Are our powers purely ministerial or administrative, or both ministerial and judicial?

The majority report agrees that the board has no right to go behind the certified returns. The minority report winds up with the following:

"But for reasons already discussed this board may not now sit in judgment on that question, nor does it intend by what it has said to commit itself to any hard and fast line of action in the future. Once more, counsel for the democratic candidate urged upon this board that it ought to reject the vote of the city of Louisville, on account of the official acts of a circuit judge who is now in contempt, with writs of mandamus and mandatory injunctions, not only forced, as it is claimed, the officers of the city to admit to the polls the polling places who legally had no right to be there, but who, by mandatory process, required election officers to register, heretofore, it is suggested to us, were not in fact true."

"All of this for the reasons stated is far above the jurisdiction of this board as at present constituted. It is enough, however, in this connection, to say that this is not a government by injunction, and the question is properly presented before a tribunal having jurisdiction to deal with the subject we predict with confidence that the judgment of such a tribunal will be swift and certain and that it will be distinctly held that such performances on the part of any judge in this state, whether of high or low degree, are usurpations which can not and will not be sanctioned by law. If the people are not satisfied with the result, it is for fair dealing. Any attempt at intimidation, coercion or overreaching is resented by every citizen of the state, and no officer can, with impunity, exercise the functions of his place for the purpose of controlling the lawful actions of the citizens, or put him in fear, except as he has committed some public offense."

"We regret we have regarded it necessary in the present emergency to extend this opinion to such length. It results from what has already been said that the certificates on the face of the returns are not to be considered as the basis of the election, but that the voters of the state are to be considered as the basis of the election, and it is so ordered."

Following is the gist of the minority opinion, which was read by Commissioner Boyd:

"I agree with my fellow members of the state election board, that the democratic candidates were legally elected at the general state election held November 7, 1900; and this fact is drawn by the certificates made to this board by the several county election boards. I agree with my fellow members of the state election board, that the democratic candidates were legally elected at the general state election held November 7, 1900; and this fact is drawn by the certificates made to this board by the several county election boards. I agree with my fellow members of the state election board, that the democratic candidates were legally elected at the general state election held November 7, 1900; and this fact is drawn by the certificates made to this board by the several county election boards."

The charges of military intimidation in Louisville have been discussed, and the opinion given that the election in Jefferson county should be declared void. The opinion concludes as follows:

"I am no lawyer, but I believe laws are intended to bring about justice and believe that the law does not require the giving of certificates of election to candidates who are shown by the returns before this board to have been defeated. I am unwilling to certify fraud and to turn Kentucky over to the control of the boyonneted Gillingham and the fraudulent state ballots. I therefore respectfully decline to join with my colleagues in giving certificates of election to any candidates, and believe certificates of election should be issued to the democratic candidates."

**Death of Louis Straus.**  
Lexington, Ky., Dec. 9.—Louis Straus, of the firm of Louis and Gus Straus, one of the city's leading and wealthiest clothiers, died Friday, after a protracted illness of Bright's disease, pneumonia and heart trouble. His estate is valued at over half a million. He and his brother Gus were the chief backers of John E. Madden, the noted race horse man, and are said to be responsible, in a large measure, for his success. He was a large owner of thoroughbreds, and served as judge at various courses throughout the country.

**The Lost Steamer.**  
Toronto, Ont., Dec. 9.—J. & T. Matthews, the owners of the steamer Niagara, which is supposed to have foundered in a storm on Lake Erie, say that beyond a telegram from Port Colborne notifying them of the supposed loss of their boat they have had no knowledge concerning her. They are, however, inclined to believe that it was not their boat, as she was hardly due so far down the lake Wednesday night.

**Preparing for Taylor's Inauguration.**  
Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 9.—Treasury Long and Custodian Thompson decided to locate the temporary stand where Taylor will next Tuesday deliver his inaugural address, directly in the center of the front of the capital building. Arrangements have already been made for the inaugural ball at the Capitol hotel.

**Contract for Pack Mules.**  
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 9.—A local commission Friday announced the closing of a contract for the delivery of 1,000 pack mules to agents of the British government for shipment to Cape Town. Twelve hundred Missouri mules, sold by the same firm, have already been shipped to South Africa from New Orleans.

**Gave a Complimentary Dinner.**  
New York, Dec. 9.—The Yale alumni association of the city of New York, to the number of 365, gave a complimentary dinner to the president of Yale University, Arthur T. Hadley, at Sherry's, Friday night.

**Wheat Crop in the Argentine.**  
Buenos Ayres, Dec. 9.—The wheat prospects in the Argentine republic are excellent. The wheat crop is an exportable surplus of 2,000,000 tons.

**Wanted and Choyasaki Matched.**  
New York, Dec. 9.—Joe Walcott, the New York Negro, and J. Choyasaki, of California, were matched Friday night to box 25 rounds at catch weights on January 12 at the Broadway athletic club.

**The Brooklyn at Singapore.**  
Washington, Dec. 9.—The Brooklyn arrived at Singapore, on her way to Manila, Friday. No word has been received of the New Orleans since she left Colombo, Ceylon, but she must be close behind.

**Her Husband Held For Murder.**  
New York, Dec. 9.—Mrs. J. A. Lindlinger, aged 30 years, living at 90 West street, was shot and killed in her apartment Friday, Robert Lindlinger, her husband, is held by the police charged with the killing.

## THAT "BULLPEN."

Charges Growing Out of Presence of Federal Troops in the Idaho Mining Trouble.

RESOLUTION TO INVESTIGATE THEM.

Alleged That Soldiers Were Sent in Defiance of and Contrary to the Federal Constitution.

Charges Are Made That Prisoners Were Cruelly Treated—Resolution Was Introduced By Lents, of Ohio.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Representative Lents, of Ohio, Friday introduced a joint resolution reciting the charges growing out of the presence of United States troops, under Brig. Gen. Merriam, at the center of mining troubles in Idaho, asking for an investigation by a special committee of miners union, to be appointed by the speaker. The resolution says that it is a matter of general information that United States troops were sent to Idaho to suppress a strike, in violation of the federal constitution at the individual request of the governor when no riot or insurrection existed and without consulting the legislature or the local sheriff.

It is asserted that Gen. Merriam declared martial law and "arbitrarily and without warrant of law arrested hundreds of citizens," and held them under "most brutal and tyrannical conditions." The arrest, it is charged, included many members of the miners union and the local sheriff. It is asserted that many men were imprisoned in a "bull pen, a place unfit for human habitation." Allegations include that one prisoner became insane from the treatment, and escaping, was shot as he jumped into a river. In another case, it is charged, a dying prisoner was denied spiritual consolation.

Specific acts of cruelty are given, including compulsory standing erect for seven hours each day in the hot sun, under penalty of death, if attempt was made to move or sit down. It is also alleged that a captain under Gen. Merriam amused himself by calling prisoners "cowardly curs" while these punishments were being inflicted. The resolution also recites that the wives and families of miners were insulted by soldiers, and it is alleged that responsibility for the various actions recited rests with the mining companies of the localities.

**THE PLAGUE SHIP.**  
Some of Her Crew Returned on the Vessel From Hoffman Island—Patients Dying Well.

New York, Dec. 9.—Fifteen of the crew of the J. W. Taylor were returned aboard that vessel from Hoffman Island. A large load of coal is alongside, and will be stowed in her bunkers as soon as the gear is ready. The vessel is in very bad shape. Several of the crew are sick, and the sides of the ship are bulging. The discharge of the cargo continues, and the wrecking boats are pumping out the water. Her stern stands well out of water, and the vessel is in danger of breaching in two amidships. The plague patients are doing well, and there are no new cases.

**PRODUCTION OF SUGAR.**  
The Entire Crop of Sugar Cane and Beets This Season Amounts to About 5,000,000 Tons.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The entire crop of sugar cane and beets for 1900-1901 will amount to about 5,000,000 tons, about the same amount as last year, according to carefully prepared statistics submitted to the state department by United States Consul Dietrich, of Muldenberg, Germany. Of this amount, the United States uses about one-fourth. The consular figures show that so far as beet sugar is concerned, while the best product in Europe this year is larger than last, perhaps by 250,000 tons, the sugar extracted amounts to about the same, owing to defective sweetness. The total product of beet sugar is placed at 5,200,000 tons against 4,947,000 for last year.

**St. Louis Wants the Convention.**  
St. Louis, Dec. 9.—A delegation of prominent St. Louis citizens have already been shipped to Washington next week in an endeavor to secure the next national republican convention. The Coliseum, which will seat 10,000 persons, will be the place for the national committee for the use of the convention.

**Canned Beef for the British.**  
Chicago, Dec. 9.—Libby, McNeil & Libby have shipped 750,000 pounds of canned beef to the British army in South Africa. Twenty-four cars were required to carry it, and this is the largest shipment of canned beef ever shipped from this city.

**Exempted From Taxation.**  
Washington, Dec. 9.—The commissioner of internal revenue has decided that distilled water is entitled to exemption from tax, even if advertised as a remedy or cosmetic.

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## CONGRESSIONAL.

Bill Introduced in the House Giving a Territorial Form of Government to Hawaii.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Representative Hill, of Illinois, Friday introduced a bill to provide a territorial form of government for Hawaii. It is similar to the measure reported to the house last year, providing a territorial governor appointed by the president, and a legislature of two houses. Mr. Sherman, of New York, introduced a bill authorizing the postmaster general to contract with an American cable company to send official messages to Hawaii, the Philippines, Japan and China, for 20 years, at not to exceed \$400,000 a year.

Other bills are: By Mr. Little (Ark.) to prevent monopolies and trusts and for the free coinage of gold and silver; by Mr. Kerr (Cal.), admitting veterans of the war with Spain to the homes for disabled soldiers; by Mr. Flynn (Okla.), for additional homestead lands to those who participated in the war with Spain or with the Philippines; by Mr. Corliss, for a bridge across the Detroit river at Detroit; by Mr. Hill, authorizing the establishment of national banks in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines; by Mr. McRae (Ark.), extending the contract labor law to Hawaii; by Mr. Anthony (Ill.), to create a commission to pass on claims of United States citizens.

Mr. Rodenburg (Ill.), by request, introduced bills granting right of cable connection with Cuba and West India Direct Telegraph Co., and to authorize the West India Development Co. to acquire franchises, etc., in Cuba and Porto Rico.

Mr. Corliss (Mich.) introduced a bill for the construction of a regulating dam at the foot of Lake Erie for controlling the level of the lake, Detroit river, Lake St. Clair and St. Clair river.

**FROM THE SEAT OF WAR.**  
It is Thought in London That Danger Still Threatens Gen. Lord Methuen's Forces.

London, Dec. 9.—Lord Methuen's restoration of the railway while relieving a load of anxiety here accentuates the dangers still threatening his force. It is gathered from the brief official dispatch that Commandant Prins Loos' contingent was taken between forces acting from Belmont for the construction of a railway. It is quite possible, however, that reinforcements were sent to Belmont merely as a precautionary measure. There is little other news of importance. Reports continue to come from Ladysmith that dissonance exists among the Boers, and especially that the Orange Free State troops are discontented. There are also all kinds of rumors of movements of commandoes from place to place but the fact is that little is known regarding the actual position of the Boer forces. Moreover the rumors of a collapse of Boer spirit have been heard so often as not to cause much satisfaction now.

**THE APPROPRIATIONS.**  
Total Estimates for the Year Was \$738,585,218, Against \$694,006,489, for the Preceding Year.

Washington, Dec. 9.—An analytical comparison of the estimates for this year, the appropriations of last year and the various increases was issued Friday by Messrs. Cleave and Courts, the clerks of the senate and house appropriation committees, respectively. It shows total estimates this year, \$738,585,218, against \$694,006,489 last year. The estimates this year are \$14,288,275 more than the amount actually appropriated last year. The chief increases are, army \$47,281,929; fortifications \$5,915,046; navy \$26,145,539; post office \$5,145,651; sundry civil \$21,664,777. The total estimates for this year exceed the total estimated revenue for 1901 by \$71,081,904, but counting the sinking fund this excess is reduced to \$18,081,994.

**Riotous Miners.**  
Springfield, Ill., Dec. 9.—At one o'clock Saturday morning a telephone message was received by the police stating that a gang of union men, who are on a strike, were tearing up the track of the Springfield Consolidated railway in Ridgely, a suburb of Springfield. The police were powerless to act in Ridgely and the sheriff sent a posse to the scene.

**Wage Scale Settled.**  
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9.—After an idleness of more than six months the wage scale of the workers of the country will go to work December 30. The last settlement of the scales was accomplished late Friday night. Cutters' advance of 5 percent, and 5 percent, and flat-tenders at 6 percent. There were no material changes in the shop rules and usages.

**Assaulted By Tramps.**  
Jefferson, W. Va., Dec. 9.—The entire county aroused over brutal attacks made Friday upon John Thomson, a farmer living near Golden Lake, and his sister, who were set upon in their home by two tramps. Miss Thomson's life is despaired of. A posse of 100 men, in charge of the sheriff, are hunting for the assassins.

**Actor Albanus Retires.**  
Baltimore, Dec. 9.—The drop of the curtain Saturday at the Lyceum theater will signify the permanent retirement from the stage of John W. Albanus, the veteran actor-manager. He has been connected with the stage as an actor or manager for 40 years.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhea. Read how our loved one took some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the Small Size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited.—Thomas C. Brown, Glenora, O. For sale by J. James Wood & Son, Druggists.

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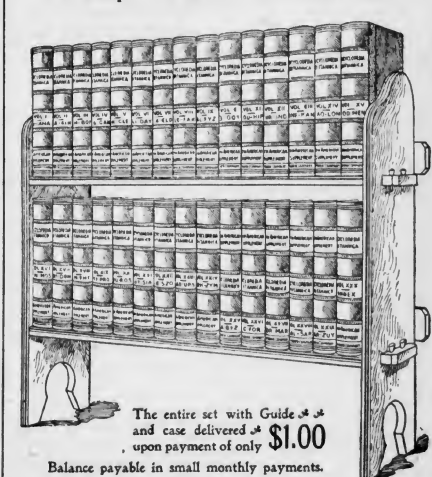
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